

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a complete listing of all claims in the application, and their status, is set forth below. The text of each pending claim is also provided. Please amend the pending claims as follows, wherein added matter is underlined and deleted matter is ~~stricken through~~ or [[double bracketed]] in the text of the currently amended claims, relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in this listing are deemed to replace all prior claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A protective ~~device for~~ eyeglasses system, comprising eyeglasses and a cover, the eyeglasses including a pair of connected lenses and a pair of bows connected to the lenses, the cover including a body portion with an edge, said edge defining an ingress/egress opening which is centrally disposed in said body portion, and which is adapted for insertion and removal of eyeglasses relative to an interior pouch defined by the body portion, the protective device further comprising a bow aperture which is disposed in said body portion at [[and]] an end thereof adjacent the ingress/egress opening, and which is adapted for complete extension therethrough of the bow of the eyeglasses to the exterior of the body portion, while the remainder of the eyeglasses are disposed in the interior pouch, whereby said body portion protects the eyeglasses and whereby an entire bow of the eyeglasses is accessible on the exterior of the body portion for hanging the eyeglasses, the system being used by the methodology of:

a. placing the eyeglasses in the interior pouch through the ingress/egress opening;

b. inserting one bow of the eyeglasses through the bow aperture so that it completely extends from the interior pouch through the bow aperture, whereby one bow is folded inside the pouch and the other entire bow is accessible on the exterior of the body portion for hanging the eyeglasses and whereby the body portion protects the eyeglasses lens and one bow.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The eyeglass protective device of claim 1, wherein said body portion is formed from a cloth-like material.

5. (Original) The eyeglass protective device of claim 4, wherein said cloth-like material is stretchable and is adapted to snugly fit around said eyeglasses.

6. (Original) The eyeglass protective device of claim 4, wherein said cloth-like material is adapted for cleaning eyeglass lenses.

7. (Previously Presented) The eyeglass protective device of claim 1, wherein said body portion has a lengthwise dimension with opposing end portions and a widthwise dimension which is relatively less than said lengthwise dimension, and wherein said ingress/egress opening is centrally disposed with respect to said lengthwise and widthwise dimensions of said body portion and has a predetermined area, and wherein said bow aperture is disposed in a predetermined position proximate one end portion of said body portion and has a predetermined area substantially less than said predetermined area of said ingress/egress opening such that only the bow can extend through it.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The eyeglass protective device of claim 1, wherein said edge includes means for drawing said body portion snugly around said eyeglasses.

10. (Original) The eyeglass protective device of claim 9, wherein said means includes an elastic band.

11. (Previously Presented) The eyeglass protective device of claim 9, wherein said means for drawing said body portion snugly around said eyeglasses includes a single draw band disposed about said ingress/egress opening.

12. (Previously Presented) The eyeglass protective device of claim 1, wherein said body portion is pouch-like and has a display portion when covering said eyeglasses.

13. (Original) The eyeglass protective device of claim 12, wherein said display portion includes an aesthetic design.

14. (Original) The eyeglass protective device of claim 12, wherein said display portion includes promotional material.

15. (Currently Amended) A flexible, portable, protective device for eyeglasses having a pair of lenses and a pair of bows, comprising:

- (a) a body portion constructed of a stretchable, cloth-like material configured in a pouch configuration, said pouch body portion being constructed of a single, unitary piece of material adapted to wrap around eyeglasses and having an interior pouch and an exterior surface and an .. the material having a single circumferential edge defining a single ingress/egress opening in said pouch adapted for insertion and removal of the eyeglasses into and from ~~[[an]]~~ the interior of the body portion, the body portion having a substantially oval configuration with a lengthwise dimension with opposing end portions and a widthwise dimension which is relatively less than said lengthwise dimension, said ingress/egress opening being centrally disposed with respect to said lengthwise and widthwise dimensions of said body portion and having a predetermined area;
- (b) an elastic band disposed about said single edge for permitting increasing the diameter of said ingress/egress opening for insertion of the eyeglasses into the pouch interior and for reducing the diameter of the ingress/egress opening after insertion; and
- (c) a single bow aperture disposed in a predetermined position in said body portion proximate one end portion of said body portion, said bow aperture having a predetermined area which is substantially less than said predetermined area of said ingress/egress opening such that only the bow can extend through it, adapted so that, when the glasses are disposed in said body portion interior, one said eyeglass bow extends through said

bow aperture to the exterior of the body portion, while the remainder of the eyeglasses are disposed in the interior pouch, whereby said body portion protects the eyeglass lenses and wherein the extended bow of the eyeglasses are accessible and wherein said extended bow may be used to hang the eyeglasses on an external surface.

16. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein the device is used by the [[A]] method of carrying and protecting eyeglasses, comprising the steps of:
- a. providing eyeglasses comprising a pair of connected lenses and a pair of bows connected to the lenses; and
 - ~~b. providing a cover comprising a body portion with an edge, said edge defining an ingress/egress opening which is centrally disposed in said body portion, and which is adapted for insertion and removal of the eyeglasses relative to an interior pouch defined by the body portion, the cover further comprising a bow aperture which is disposed in said body portion at an end thereof, and which is adapted for complete extension therethrough of the bow of the eyeglasses to the exterior of the body portion, while the remainder of the eyeglasses are disposed in the interior pouch; and~~
 - c. placing the eyeglasses in the interior pouch through the ingress/egress opening;
 - d. inserting a bow of the eyeglasses through the bow aperture so that it completely extends from the interior pouch through the bow aperture, whereby the entire bow of the eyeglasses is accessible on the exterior of the body portion for hanging the eyeglasses and whereby the body portion protects the eyeglasses.